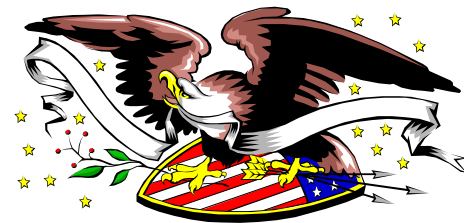




"Eagles"



EAGLE 6 CORNER

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1st Quarter FY 2011

Greetings from the Eagle's Nest! What a busy past few months and full forecast for the upcoming months...at least through Thanksgiving Day. I am extremely proud of everything you've accomplished, for working diligently, providing the best customer service and for doing the right thing. You have made commanding easier.

It is always amazing to look back and see where we have been and all you've accomplished. For Fiscal Year 2010 (1 Oct 09 thru 30 Sep 10), the processing companies, PAB, DEERS, IRB and the rest of the supporting agencies/staff received and processed over 24,000 Initial Entry Training and Prior Service Soldiers; the Retraining and Holding Unit discharged over 700 Soldiers and the Fitness Training Unit continues to ensure Soldiers are rehabilitated and ready for the physical challenge of Army training and returned over 200 Soldiers back in to training. In

addition, we fully implemented the Expedited Reception Processing and received several best practices from both TRADOC Internal Review and Lean Six Sigma. The BN Staff continues to diligently work all projects and improve processes in order to better support our organization and the ADCON units. I am extremely thankful and proud of what we've accomplished. Your hard work, commitment and selfless service have been a direct contribution to the overall success of this battalion.

Now that the summer is officially over, I would like to take this opportunity to update you on what will be up for the next several months. We will continue to remain fully engaged this 1st Quarter and will continue to receive Soldiers until a day before Thanksgiving Day. Then we will refocus and prepare to survive yet another Holiday Block Leave. Speaking about the holiday, yes, it is fast approaching. The holiday season brings a lot of hope

and excitement of a new year ahead. As we forge into a new year, it is also important for us to take some time to reflect on this past year. What have we done to make ourselves better Soldiers, Family Members and citizens? What more can we do and how else can we apply ourselves to make positive contributions?

Let us strive to give the new year with a surge of new spirit. We should be encouraged and inspired to make positive impacts, no matter how big or small, each day to those around us.

I know it is early but Chestnut and I would like to be the first ones to wish you all a blessed holiday season.

Soldiers for Freedom!

Eagle 6

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EAGLE 7 CORNER

43d AG BN family let me say thank you to everyone for the warm welcome given to me and my family as we transitioned from Europe to Missouri. Although this was an unexpected surprise, I am happy to be here as the battalion Command Sergeant Major. Some of the most rewarding times of my career were in the IET environment. I want to thank 1SG Bouie again for all her hard work as the Command Sergeant Major until my arrival. Because of your leadership and guidance, the battalion handled a time of high turnover and OPTEMPO without missing a beat.

Whoever said we don't work in the reception battalion obviously has not been to one. The mission of being the first impression that a new recruit sees when they join the Army is an honorable one. Since my

arrival, I have seen nothing but a group of the most professional, hardworking Soldiers and civilians I have had the pleasure to work with. Continue to be the face of what right looks like!

We have lost several personnel in a short period, but when someone leaves, others come. I believe that everyone is placed where they are supposed to be at a certain time. With that said, I say good luck to those that left and thank you for your service to the battalion and our Army. I want to welcome all those that have arrived since last quarter and look forward to working with all of you. I have said on many occasions since being here that we are a family. Our mission is not about one individual or one company. It is about the battalion and our goal to make this the premier

reception battalion in TRADOC as our METL states.

I encourage everyone to take advantage of the slower pace we're experiencing now. Spend some quality time with your families and show them how much their love and support means to your success. Find that balance! Last but not least, I would like to thank LTC Romero (Melanie), for allowing me to serve with her as the battalion Command Sergeant Major. Ma'am, let's make your last year here in the battalion the best!

Soldiers for Freedom!

Eagle 7

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HHC HELLCATS



HELLCAT CORNER

First off, 1SG Ducksworth and I would like to thank you all for your continuous hard work and dedication to the Hellcat family. We are truly proud to be working with such a wonderful team.

Unfortunately, we must say goodbye to some great team members of HHC. SSG Walker left us for Fort Richardson, Alaska and SSG Oliver left us for Fort Campbell, Kentucky. We will miss them greatly, but wish them the best in their new endeavors.

In this last quarter, the HHC family only received one new Soldier. We received a new Chaplain, from the 4th MEB, CH (MAJ) Searl. I would like to say "welcome" to our newest HHC team member and we look forward to working with you!

This past quarter, we had several Soldiers graduate from schools. DS Turner graduated the Ordinance Senior Leader Course and DS Wright graduated from the Military Police Advance Leader Course. Congratulations to both of these outstanding members of the Hellcat team!

This past month we conducted our monthly Hellcat family gathering. But this past month we were able to enjoy the wonderful fall weather and great BBQ and potluck at Colyer Park. It was such a pleasure to get to spend such a beautiful Saturday afternoon with the Hellcat team members and their families.

Despite all the fun the Hellcats have been having we are still working hard to successfully complete our mission. During the 4th Quarter of Fiscal Year 2010, HHC successfully reintegrated over 77 Prior Service Soldiers into the Army and separated over 165 Soldiers in an average of 6 days. This would not be possible without the hard work of the Cadre and Civilians of the 43rd AG BN, so "thank you" and keep up the hard work!

As the cool weather starts to creep upon us, remember safety first. Each and every Soldier and family member is important to us, so please be sure to enjoy your time but always think safety first and foremost!

Hellcat 6

GATOR CORNER

Gator Families:

Summer is finally winding down and with the cooler temperatures your Soldiers should finally have a chance to take a break from the monumental efforts they put into the summer surge. Your Soldiers worked hard processing several thousand Soldiers in the last few months alone. I truly appreciate the sacrifices your families have made in allowing your Soldiers to make us the best company in the battalion, and more importantly, assist our trainees in their transformation into Soldiers.

Your Soldiers may come home tired or frustrated or exhausted, but they have performed to perfection. Every trainee that comes through this company leaves with the image of your Soldier as what the model noncommissioned officer looks like. That is precisely why your Soldiers work so hard, not because I demand it, but because their sense of professionalism and duty demands it. I could not be happier as a commander to say that I do not have to demand from your Soldiers because they demand the best from themselves.

In the last few days, the Gators bid a fond farewell to our three most long standing cadre members. SFC Ross departs for Fort Riley, Kansas, SFC Bedwell departs for Fort Stewart, and DS Ingram has moved on post to the Maneuver Enhancement Brigade. Their hard work, experience and leadership will be sorely missed. Lastly, we welcome our newest Gator, DS Kerney who comes to us from 787 and has already taken charge of second platoon and looks to maintain the high standards they set for themselves. I look forward to continuing to serve with your Soldiers, and wish you all the best in the coming fall.

Gator 6

ALPHA GATORS



BULLDOG CORNER

1st Quarter FY 2011

Greetings! The end of another fiscal year has come, with many significant changes, dates, and events that took place. Thousands of Soldiers was successfully processed, despite the company's loss of key personnel, during the last quarter of this past fiscal year. Bravo Company proudly observed Women's Equality Day in August and National Hispanic Heritage Month in September.

As a nation, the United States celebrated its 234th year of Independence, on July 4, 2010!! Since the creation of our country and military, Soldiers, Airmen, and Sailors from all walks of life have fought America's battles and wars for independence and to gain and preserve the freedoms that we have and enjoy in the present day. We at Bravo Company, salute the men and women who have served and all who continue to serve our great country, especially those who gave the ultimate sacrifice for our freedom. Women's Equality Day was observed in August—women continue to help shape and mold our history as a people and as a nation. Women are our support system, when we are miles apart—they have served honorably and courageously during our nation's wars, they have helped break barriers of injustice and inequality—for these actions and so much more, we thank women for their devotion and dedication to their families, duties, and country. Hispanic Heritage Month was also observed during the last quarter of the fiscal year. Bravo Company paid tribute to notable Hispanic-Americans, from past to present. Opening Day for Hispanic Heritage Month was observed, along with an elegant luncheon at the end of September, with guest speaker Henry Torres.

The Bulldog family would like to show our gratitude and appreciation to DS (SFC) Morgan, DS (SSG) Land, DS (SSG) Melton, and SPC Jolly. We thank you for your hard work, attention to detail, and unwavering commitment to helping Bravo Company achieve its daily mission and wish them well in their transition to their new units. The following Drill Sergeants are new additions to the Bravo Bulldog Family: DS (SFC) Renteria, DS (SSG) Knight, and DS (SSG) Moose—we welcome these outstanding Soldiers and their families to the Bulldog team!! Congratulations to 1SG Llanez, SFC Thomas, and SFC Pickens! 1SG Llanez was selected for promotion to E-8, SFC Thomas graduated SLC school, and SFC Pickens earned his "airborne wings" by graduating Airborne School, in Fort Benning, Georgia.

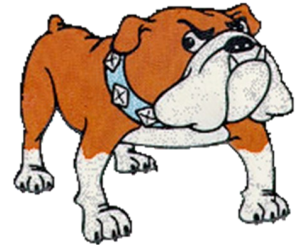
Bulldog 6

PHOENIX CORNER

Greetings from the FTU! During this past quarter, we have accomplished some great things that have never been done here before like the EST marksman training! The Physical Training Rehabilitation Platoon had 19 Soldiers qualify with six Soldiers scoring expert. This is an outstanding job by the PTRP Platoon considering majority of the Soldiers have never been to a range. The APFT-Completion Platoon changed up their routine to take advantage of weather and terrain here at FLW. Their average completion rate is consistently above 90%. APFT-C is welcoming two new Drill Sergeants: SSG Marte from 2-10 IN Battalion and SGT Petrowski from 701st MP Battalion. APFT-C is saying farewell to two cadre: SFC Taylor who is PCSing to Ft. Benning and SSG Bartley who is PCSing to Schofield Barracks. The Medical Board Platoon was instrumental in setting up a system which quickly identified root causes of long wait times for the Soldiers. While the hospital was changing over their system, our Soldiers were not affected due to the Med Platoons initiative. MEB is hailing one Drill Sergeant: SSG Cunningham from 795th MP BN. MEB is also saying farewell to one cadre member: SSG Sarol who is PCSing to Ft. Benning. Last but not least, FTU Operations is hailing SSG Barnes who is joining us from HHC, MSCOE. As a company, we are 100% on the semiannual APFT with a 272 average. Our next step is to compete for the PT streamer in April.

Phoenix 6/7

BRAVO BULLDOGS



FTU PHOENIXES



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HHC MSCoE BLACK KNIGHTS



BLACK KNIGHT CORNER

Greetings Black Knight Warrior team! I would like to begin by thanking everyone for a superbly planned and executed Change of Command, which was very well supported by all the directorates and the various HHC formations. As an incoming commander, this event is often the first glimpse at the unit's morale, ability, organization, and cohesion. I am glad to say that I was more than impressed by the Black Knight team and have continued to see the high levels of functioning displayed there in the days since. Well done!

Next, I would like to take this opportunity to call your attention to the upcoming elections. I cannot emphasize enough how important it is to exercise your right to vote and participate in our country's democratic process. These elections may not create the fervor that surrounds a presidential election year, but that does not diminish their significance. Please see your voting assistance representative (SSG(P) Jesus Garza) and complete the necessary steps to let your voice be heard.

I would also like to touch on mandatory training. As we all know, HHC MSCoE is a unique organization on Fort Leonard Wood. As such, it has its own unique challenges – one of the largest is the completion of our mandated training. Whether that mandate comes from HQDA, TRADOC or locally, we must adhere to the policies and regulations. This challenge is further complicated by the necessity to accomplish all of our other assigned missions, but it must be done. I want to thank you for rallying in the 4th quarter to raise our final percentages, but I also want to insist that you continue that sense of urgency into the new fiscal year so that we can prevent the need to rush to catch up in the final months.

I would like to congratulate SFC Edward Hanft (RC-LNO) on receiving the CG's Award of Excellence for his work with B/31st EN! Great job! Please welcome back MSG Douglas Suda (RC-LNO) as he redeploys from Kuwait on 17 OCT – he will assume duty as the 1st EN BDE Liaison. SSG Naylor (G-3/5/7) also rejoins us from a valiant effort to join the Army Parachute Team (Golden Knights). A bout of pneumonia halted what was sure to be a successful tryout, but I'm sure he will have no problems next year. We have had several new Chiefs, Directors and NCOICs join us as well in the past quarter – CH (COL) Watson (GC), COL Agar (SJA), LTC Pettit (QAO), LTC Grady (G-33), LTC Kramer (IG), SGM Cortez (CDID), and MSG Metcalf (GC-CH). Please welcome our other new arrivals: LTC Chris Parks, LTC Craig Chandler, LTC Danielle Ngo, MAJ Lonnie Pirtle, MAJ Robert Cosgrove, CPT Stetson King, CPT Eve Sannicolas, CPT Chad English, CW5 Russell Gaines, CW4 Melvin Harris, SFC Adam Pearl, SFC Wayne Brooks, SFC Olivia Morris, SFC David Volle, SSG William Ingram, SSG Arthur Carrell, SGT Morlyn Goethe, SGT Buck Carter, PFC Gary Bailey, and PFC William Clarke.

From myself, 1SG Clayton, and the HQ Staff – thanks for your support and all that you do! Keep up the good work and have a safe and productive 1st Quarter!

Black Knight 6

WARRIOR CORNER

CTC WARRIORS



On 29 September 2010, sixteen members of the Combat Training Company traveled up to St. Louis, Mo to take part in a fundraiser at Busch Stadium. After our arrival at Busch Stadium we were directed down to the bottom of the stadium and given our Sports Service uniforms for the day as well as a block of instruction on how to successfully operate the concession stand. Although it was much more work than any of us anticipated we were up to the challenge and the day was a huge success, however we were all glad to be headed back to Fort Leonard Wood. At the end of the day we made about a thousand dollars for our MWR funds which we will use at our Company Holiday Party in December.

In the last few months, CTC has said farewell to many outstanding Soldiers who have moved on to other positions in the Army. Best of luck to SFC Puckett, SSG Moreno, and SSG Baker. We would also like to welcome SFC McWilliams and his family to the Combat Training Company, as well as welcome back SSG Thomasson from Afghanistan. We also have several NCOs that are expected to leave the CTC in the next couple of months and we thank them in advance for their service to the CTC and Fort Leonard Wood.

Warrior 6

399th CORNER

The 399th Army Band ended the fiscal year with some changes and the addition of a new ensemble, Absolute Brass, and they are ringing in the new fiscal year with some exciting training and musical missions.

August brought the premier of Absolute Brass, our brass quintet. They showed their talents and versatility in their first performance in an evening concert at a local church in Laurie, MO. This quintet has become one of the unit's busiest ensembles, performing at ceremonies on and off post. The ensemble performed at the opening of the new Veterans' Cemetery in Waynesville and supported the dedication of the Black Veterans' Memorial in Kansas City. This team is scheduled to present a masterclass and concert in Moberly, MO in November, and is planning a college tour next spring.

The rest of the band has kept busy as well, supporting ceremonies and celebrations around post and around the Midwest. In September, much of the band traveled to Rock Island, IL for a Change of Command ceremony at the Rock Island Arsenal. The unit also played at the boyhood home of General John J. Pershing for a celebration of his 150th birthday. Other significant performances include parades and concerts in Stockton, Edgar Springs, Westphalia and Vienna. The Brass Quintet, Rock Band, Jazz Band and Ceremonial Band were also all involved in various portions of the MP Warfighter Competition and MP Regimental Week activities. The most unique opportunity seen by the band this quarter was a Polka Band performance for the Oktoberfest celebration at the Pershing Community Center.

The 399th Army Band has many great events on the schedule for the upcoming months. The first event is the unit's annual STX. The unit will put their training into action as they board Blackhawks to travel to their training site, equipment and all. Once there, the Soldiers will set up a stage in the field and Standard Issue, the rock band, will put on a concert for F Co, 795th MP BN during their FTX. This training experience allows the Soldiers to train to the mission normally experienced by bands downrange. Musically, the unit is also gearing up for Veterans' Day performances in West Plains, Moberly, Raymondville, Cadet and Waynesville. The band is also looking ahead to the holiday season. The Armed Forces YMCA is joining with our ensembles for caroling in the community. The unit is also preparing for the annual Holiday Concert on 16 December at 7pm at Abrams Theatre.

Check out the 399th Army Band website <http://www.wood.army.mil/wood_cms/manscen/4766.shtml> linked off the MSCoE main page for updated performance schedules, information about the unit, and videos and recordings. The 399th Army Band and the brass quintet, Absolute Brass can also be found on Facebook, including more photos and recordings from our performances.

Band 6

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399TH ARMY BAND

The  399th
Army Band

RAZORBACK CORNER

Well, a new quarter has started and it is that time again for the newsletter. I have been in Command now for almost four months and it has been great. Since I have taken over, the company has processed over 92 Soldiers consisting of IRR personnel deploying to Afghanistan or Iraq, personnel mobilizing for CONUS operations, and personnel demobilizing from CONUS operations. We have gained one more person for our cadre, SSG Carrell, who is working in the mobilization/demobilization section. Unfortunately SSG Reyes will not be joining the team in January 2011 due to some complications with his packet, but TF IRR is going strong with the nine personnel that we do have on board in order to assist with our on-going mission. The unit continues to be busy day in and day out with ensuring that all training has been completed in a timely manner. We have successfully completed all mandatory training for the 2010 fiscal year and are diligently working on having an early 100% rate for our training for 1st quarter of FY 2011. We also have an APFT approaching towards the end of the month and I have the upmost confidence that all my personnel will successfully pass with above average scores.

On a personal note, I found out that I am having a baby boy and his name will be Benny Alejandro Rodriguez. My family and I are very excited and look forward to welcoming our new bundle of joy into the world in January.

Everyone in the unit is looking forward to the holiday block leave and being able to fly home and be with their families for the holiday season. From everyone here at TF IRR, have a wonderful 1st Quarter and have a happy and safe holiday season.

TF IRR RAZORBACKS



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EAGLE 10 CIVILIANS



EAGLE 10 (CIVILIAN) CORNER

Greetings one and all! Fall is here and with it cooler weather and autumn colors. Get out and enjoy it while this mild Missouri weather lasts.

Welcome to Hope Wilcox who returned to the 43d family as part of the PAB Team and to Anya Ferrin who joined the S1 Team. Pat Hanshew returned from her work with the MOARNG in Jefferson City. As they join us, we say goodbye to Shelly Blackburn. Shelly and her husband have PCSed to North Carolina. Shelly was only here for a short time but her cheerfulness and willingness to work were a great asset this summer! The S1 Team lost two valuable team members in 2LT Weston Williams and SSG Sybil Walker. Both will be greatly missed!

Finally, congratulations to Larry Mayes on his promotion to GS9!

Eagle 10



Band Members get an award



Jessica Loyd receives her 5 year certificate



Someone REALLY likes their gift!!



Hangin' with HHC



CHEERS!



Having fun at the battalion Fun Day!

CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

A time of Thanksgiving....

As we enter this time of year, may we turn our attention to things beyond ourselves. One hymn from long ago is the hymn, "Come, Ye Thankful People, Come" is often sung at religious services of thanksgiving. Written in 1844 by Henry Alford, it begins with thanks to God for crops safely gathered in before winter. But it is more than gratefulness for the bounty of the land. That hymn ends by focusing on God's "harvest" of His people when Christ returns:

Even so, Lord, quickly come

To Thy final harvest-home:

Gather Thou Thy people in,

Free from sorrow, free from sin;

There, forever purified,

In thy Presence to abide:

Come, with all Thine angels, come-

Raise the glorious harvest-home.

As we give thanks for material needs supplied, it's essential to remember that our plans are uncertain and our lives are a vapor that quickly disappear (James 4:14). James encourages us to be like a farmer waiting for his crops to grow and mature. "You also be patient. Establish your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is at hand" (5:8).

As we thank God for his faithful provision for our needs, may our hearts really be in tune with Him and that He might challenge our hearts to have a perpetual heart of gratitude.

CH (MAJ) Chuck Searl

43d AG BN Chaplain

UNIT MINISTRY TEAM



1st Quarter Upcoming Key Events

1-31 Oct—43d AG Semi-annual Record APFT and Weigh In

19 Oct—Spiritual Fitness Luncheon, 1130-1230

9 Nov—Battalion Promotion Board

11 Nov—Veteran ’ s Day

17 Nov—Battalion Newcomer ’ s Brief, 1130-1300

25 Nov—Thanksgiving

1 Dec—Battalion Chili Cook-off

3 Dec—Grant Hall DFAC closes after evening meal

7 Dec—Annual Tree Lighting , Joint Services Park, 1600

14 Dec—Saint Nick ’ s Benefit, Grant Hall

15 Dec—Battalion Christmas Party

16 Dec—399th Army Band Holiday Concert, Abrams, 1900

24 Dec—Federal Holiday, Christmas Observed